Remarks

A Response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2000, was filed on November 21, 2000. Subsequently, on February 7, 2001, Applicants' below-signed representative conducted an in-person interview with Examiner Glenn Dawson, further discussed below. In follow-up to the interview, Applicants submit the present Supplemental Amendment and Response.

Interview Summary

On February 7, 2001, Applicants' below-signed representative conducted an in-person interview with Examiner Glenn Dawson. The interview was directed to questions the Examiner had regarding exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage in horses.

Amendment of Independent Claim 22

Independent claim 22 has been amended to clarify that the claimed method is for use on horses affected by exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage.

New Claims 46-53

New claims 46-53 have been added. Independent claim 46 is directed to a method for reducing exercise pulmonary hemorrhage in horses by applying a force to skin overlying nasal passages of a horse. Dependent claims 47-53 recite further limitations of devices of the claimed method. Each of the new claims are fully supported by the Specification as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Please charge deposit account 13-2725 in the amount of \$72.00 for eight additional claims.

Summary

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 22-53) are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

In the event that the Examiner is unable to reach Applicant's below-signed representative, the Examiner is requested to contact Mr. Bruce Black at 612-371-5348. An Associate Power of Attorney is provided.

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